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**ON AUTOMORPHISMS OF FINITE  $p$ -GROUPS**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G$  be a finite  $p$ -group such that  $xZ(G) \subseteq x^G$  for all  $x \in G - Z(G)$ , where  $x^G$  denotes the conjugacy class of  $x$  in  $G$ . Then  $|G|$  divides  $|\text{Aut}(G)|$ , where  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is the group of all automorphisms of  $G$ .

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